

STATE PARKS BOARD REPORT TO THE ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE SEPTEMBER 2012

The State Parks Board administers the Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund per A.R.S. 28-1176 as revised by Chapter 294, 48th Legislature 2nd Regular Session 2008. Sixty percent of the funds transferred from the Arizona Department of Transportation are allocated to the State Parks Board. State Parks received \$2,722,869 in combined HURF (\$1,522,658) and DECAL (\$1,200,211) revenue for state fiscal year 2012. An additional \$25,046 was generated from interest and rebates. Legislative sweeps and other appropriations diverted \$829,300, leaving \$1,918,615 for prescribed uses.

A.R.S. 28-1176 (I.1) requires the State Parks to report to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the chairperson of the senate natural resources and rural affairs committee, or its successor committee, and the chairperson of the house of representatives natural resources and public safety committee, or its successor committee the amount of monies spent or encumbered in the fund during the preceding fiscal year for the purposes of off-highway vehicle law enforcement activities.

- Under A.R.S. 28-1176 (C) State Parks distributes 35% of monies (\$1,588,340) in the off-highway vehicle recreation fund to the Arizona game and fish department for informational and educational programs related to safety, the environment and responsible use with respect to off-highway vehicle recreation and law enforcement activities relating to this article and for off-highway vehicle law enforcement pursuant to title 17, chapter 4, article 3, including seven full-time employees to enforce this article and title 17, chapter 4, article 3.
- State Parks did not award any additional funds to any law enforcement projects in 2012.

A.R.S. 28-1176 (I.2) requires the State Parks Board to report to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairperson of the Senate Natural Resources and Rural Affairs committee, or its successor committee, and the Chairperson of the House of Representatives Natural Resources and Public Safety committee, or its successor committee "the amount of monies spent from the off-highway vehicle recreation fund during the preceding fiscal year for employee services."

- State Parks used 12% (\$329,750) of the total revenue (\$2,747,915) for administration of the program FY 2012.

A.R.S. 28-1176 (I.3) requires the State Parks Board to report to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairperson of the Senate Natural Resources and Rural Affairs committee, or its successor committee, and the Chairperson of the House of Representatives Natural Resources and Public Safety committee, or its successor committee "the number of full-time employees employed in the preceding fiscal year in connection with off-highway vehicle law enforcement activities."

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- State Parks does not use any funds from the off-highway vehicle recreation fund for employees in connection with off-highway vehicle law enforcement activities.

A.R.S. 28-1176 (I.4) requires the State Parks Board to report to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairperson of the Senate Natural Resources and Rural Affairs committee, or its successor committee, and the Chairperson of the House of Representatives Natural Resources and Public Safety committee, or its successor committee “the amount of monies spent from the off-highway vehicle recreation fund during the preceding fiscal year for information and education.”

- At State Parks, expenditures in this category include funding for: coordination and operating expenses for the OHV Ambassador Program and (non-State Parks) agency staff assigned to OHV management; purchase of equipment to assist agencies in monitoring OHV activities and contacting participants; coordination of youth safe and responsible use programs; and, development of safe and responsible use educational materials.
- Four (4) projects received \$270,200 and are in various stages of completion.

A.R.S. 28-1176 (I.6) requires the State Parks Board to report to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairperson of the Senate Natural Resources and Rural Affairs committee, or its successor committee, and the Chairperson of the House of Representatives Natural Resources and Public Safety committee, or its successor committee “a specific and detailed accounting for all monies spent in accordance with this section for (a) construction of new off-highway vehicle trails, (b) mitigation of damages to lands, (c) revegetation, (d) the prevention and restoration of damages to natural and cultural resources, (e) signage, (f) maps and (g) necessary environmental, historical and cultural clearance or compliance activities.” The projects in this report were approved between July 2011 and June 2012.

(a) Construction of new off-highway vehicle trails – expenditures in this category include trail renovation and relocation, addition of support facilities such as staging areas and restrooms.

- State Parks did not award funds to any projects that included construction of new off-highway vehicle trails in 2012.

(b) Mitigation of damages to lands – expenditures in this category include fencing or pipe railings and other means to keep OHV operators out of specific areas.

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- As of June 30, 2012 one (1) project received \$20,000 and has not been completed.

(c) Revegetation – expenditures in this category include the costs to transplant cacti and scrubs, seed, and spread ground cover.

- State Parks did not award funds to any projects that included revegetation in 2012.

(d) The prevention and restoration of damages to natural and cultural resources – expenditures in this category include trail and access road hardening and application of dust suppressant to reduce air pollution.

- State Parks did not award funds to any projects the included prevention and restoration of damages to natural or cultural resources in 2012.

(e) Signage – expenditures in this category include the costs to install route markers, regulatory and informational signs, and kiosks.

- As of June 30, 2012 two (2) projects received \$120,259 and are in various stages of completion.

(f) Maps – are being prepared by the federal land managing agencies in response to mandated motor vehicle travel planning efforts.

- As of June 30, 2012 one (1) project received \$16,233 and has not been completed.

(g) Necessary environmental, historical and cultural clearance or compliance activities - expenditures in this category include the costs associated with meeting National Environment Policy Act (NEPA), Section 106, and State Historic Preservation Office requirements prior to ground disturbance.

- As of June 30, 2012 four (4) projects received \$194,950 and have not been completed.
- Project funds totaling \$621,642 were awarded in FY 2012. Some of these funds are used as match for federal Recreational Trail Program funds totaling \$300,713 and the project sponsors are providing \$507,013 in match toward these projects.

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FY 2012**

Fiscal Year	Project #			OHV Fund	Law Enforcement Projects	Information and Education	Construction of New Off-Highway Vehicle Trails	Mitigation of Damages to Lands	Revegetation	Prevention and Restoration of Damages to Natural and Cultural Resources	Signage	Maps	Necessary Environmental, Historical and Cultural Clearance or Compliance Activities	Totals	Sponsor Match	RTP Match
2012	551201	Coconino NF-Red Rock RD	Stoneman Lake/Apache Maid OHV Area Improv	\$20,000									\$20,000	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$130,000
	551202	Tonto NF - Cave Creek RD	Desert Vista Trail System	\$75,000									\$75,000	\$75,000	\$12,264	\$60,127
	551203	BLM- AZ Strip FO	Travel Management Plan Implementation	\$116,233							\$100,000	\$16,233		\$116,233	\$426,723	\$110,586
	551204	Tonto NF - Cave Creek RD	Desert Vista/St. Claire Management Presence	\$40,259				\$20,000			\$20,259			\$40,259	\$9,576	
	551205	Maricopa County Parks	OHV Park Environmental Assessment	\$69,950									\$69,950	\$69,950	\$10,100	
	551206	BLM-Kingman FO	Route Evaluations	\$30,000									\$30,000	\$30,000	\$3,350	
	551207	Ride Now	Ambassador Project	\$15,000		\$15,000								\$15,000		
	571208	Prfect Media	OHV website enhancement	\$50,000		\$50,000								\$50,000		
	571209	BLM OHV Ambassador Prog	Statewide Program Coordinator, Administrator & Operating costs	\$155,200		\$155,200								\$155,200	\$30,000	
	571210	OHVA Program	State Parks OHV - In house projects	\$50,000		\$50,000								\$50,000		
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				\$621,642	\$0	\$270,200	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$120,259	\$16,233	\$194,950	\$621,642	\$507,013	\$300,713

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